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CONRAD F. HARRINGTON RECOGNIZED

After completing his preparatory education in 1926 at Selwyn House, Conrad Harrington went on to Trinity College School. He then earned degrees in Arts and Law at McGill and Besançon Universities. In 1984 he received an Honorary Doctorate of Law from McGill University.

During his career, Conrad held numerous posts as a company director, chief of which was his chairmanship of The Royal Trust Company of Canada; he joined The Royal Trust Company in 1945 after returning from a very active and distinguished five years with the Royal Canadian Artillery Regiment in Europe. He became Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Field Regiment RCA.

In addition to his busy career, Conrad gave much of his time to many worthwhile causes — the Salvation Army, St. John Ambulance Corps, Boy Scouts of Canada, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the McCord Museum. In education, Conrad has contributed much to the community, and for this he has been recognized by being appointed a Life Governor of Trinity College School, Chancellor of McGill University 1976-1983. In 1984 he was appointed an Emeritus Governor of McGill University.

The following are a few of the awards that Conrad has received over the years: Human Relations Award, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, 1981; Distinguished Friend of Education Award; Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), 1984; Centennial Medal, 1967; 125th Anniversary Commemorative Medal, 1992; Member of the Order of Canada, 1986.

Conrad and his wife, Joan, live in Westmount. They have a son, Conrad, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the School, and two daughters, Jill and Susan. Jill is married to Brian Porter and lives in Winnipeg. Susan lives in Toronto. Their son, Conrad and his wife, Sally, have two sons at Selwyn House, Conrad '00 and George '04.

Conrad F. Harrington is recognized for his contribution to and support of education in Quebec and Canada and particularly the Selwyn House community. He is an exemplar to all. Δ



Photo by Tom Konigsthal '74

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Moo's Memories

The grapevine tells me that the School continues its course of innovations with which, though they are by no means strange to me, my experience would leave me totally unable to cope. The latest seems to be a kindergarten, though I am rather glad to hear that the bulk of the staff is not considered any more fit to be trusted with it than I would be.

When I first came across anything of the sort, I was, if not exactly a greenhorn, at least a young and somewhat immature member of my calling. (Incredible as that claim may seem to most of my surviving victims from Selwyn House, there was such a time.) The kindergarten was, like the handful of boarders who were my province, a purely economic device, with which the Headmaster had as little as possible to do, once he had recruited sufficient numbers. He freely admitted that he found it a somewhat terrifying ordeal to intrude upon the part of the premises which housed it. Nor was that entirely because the mistress he was fortunate to have acquired for the purpose was an awesome Amazon with a fiercely protective concern for the welfare of her charges. The Head's problem was entirely one of communication, which might well have been mine had I been in his place.

However, he had devised his own method of coping with that. Taking me with him (either as moral support or as a sort of bodyguard—I never know which, since I was never needed in either capacity), he would greet the infants with a kindly "Good morning, boys." Thereafter he



ignored their presence, and in his elegantly polished academic English would explain his mission to the mistress. She in turn would repeat it, in whatever vernacular her charges understood, and then translate their reply in the Head's own language. My function was merely to remember what that answer may have been, in case his subsequent dealings with the rarefied atmosphere of upper academe made him forget it.

Otherwise my dealings with the kindergarten were happily rare. At this juncture, indeed, I can recall only two features of it.

I once inflicted one of those memories upon a reunion dinner, but since I suspect that no one remembers anything I said on such an occasion, any more than they seemed to do in class, it may bear repeating.

In those far-off days, on Sports Day it was my job to stand at the finishing line with a group of Old Boys who, in the intervals of exchanging reminiscences, were supposed to act as judges. The Headmaster, with a possibly justified misgiving about the proficiency of his underlings, always himself acted as starter. On one occasion he found some discrepancy in the

list I had furnished him, and called me to him to rectify it.

He presumably disapproved of my stately and leisurely progress back to my station. At any rate, long before I reached it I heard the sound of the starting-pistol. At my best turn of speed I dashed ahead to be there to welcome the runners when they arrived. To the delight of the parents in the grandstand, and the ribald comments of the Old Boys applauding my effort, I won (by a nose, after a start of thirty yards) the only race I ever won in my life—the sixty yards for boys of five and under.

My other memory is a trifle more gratifying. One inclement evening in the summer, when I could not turn the boarders loose in the playground, I daringly gave them permission to borrow the plasticine from the kindergarten, on condition that they returned it in the condition they found it, so that our depredation might not be detected. Since I had to supervise them, I amused myself in evolving a quite passable model of a brontosaurus. (Why I picked on such a subject I cannot be sure. It was probably because, though some of my text-books had pictures of them, no one could be quite sure what a brontosaurus really looked like, so that the deficiencies in my effort would have been less conspicuous than if I had chosen, say, one of the monsters on the staff.) When bedtime arrived, I told one of the boys to replace the plasticine as he had found it. I should, of course, have known better.

The next morning I received a peremptory summons from the

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Preparing for Tomorrow

We are all aware that technology is changing society at an increasingly rapid pace. Schools especially see the need to adopt and plan effectively in the use of technology in teaching and learning.

In a recent report *Computers in Independent Schools - 1993*, the National Association of Independent Schools concludes that schools must recognize the importance of integrating computer use into the overall curriculum. Therefore, curricula and methods of teaching must evolve to meet these challenges.

Dr. Bryan Page of *Apple Classrooms of Tomorrow* has pointed to the following skills as vital for workers in the 21st century:

- the ability to organize resources
- the ability to work collaboratively
- the ability to acquire, evaluate and use information
- the ability to understand complex systems
- the ability to work with a variety of technologies
- the ability to utilize experimentation as a problem solving skill
- social interaction skills
- the ability to communicate effectively
- independence
- expertise in interest areas
- a positive orientation to the future.

Teachers will need support in order to teach these skills. Organizational and financial commitments well beyond the traditional norm will be the foundation to equip teachers in reaching these goals. Their challenge will not be to produce *knowers*, but rather *thinkers* and *information handlers*. The report suggests that students who do not learn to think and work with technology today will be disadvantaged tomorrow.

When we compare our school with those surveyed, we can take some satisfaction in our computer and technology programmes. In some ways we have been ahead of our time. The rapid pace of change, however, and the sophistication of interactive technology force us to plan carefully on how to purchase new technologies.

We must continue to plan wisely for the implementation of the inevitable developments to come. We must also recognize that the commitment and investment will be substantial and ongoing. As the report concludes, support of educational technology is vital to accomplish the goal of making every student a player in the 21st Century world.

William Mitchell, Headmaster

Moo's Memories cont'd

kindergarten mistress. With chilly politeness, she demanded an explanation for the plasticine creature crawling across her desk. Feeling singularly immature and foolish, I confessed to the encroachment of her territory the night before. What reaction I expected, I am not sure, but it was certainly not what followed. Suddenly, presumably convinced that there was no veiled impertinence involved, she thawed and admitted that her class had been thrilled by so unforeseen a start to their day. She limited my punishment to a demand that the caprice should be repeated when opportunity arose.

And so, English summers being what they are, I acquired a growing skill in manufacturing monsters

of various kinds to greet the kindergarten class on its arrival. I was even flattered on one occasion by being invited to inspect a room crawling with childish attempts to imitate me.

It was perhaps a brief and trivial triumph, but today I am in a position to reflect that over half a century ago I was a lonely pioneer in the movement that has resulted in the current rather inexplicable popularity of what the public calls dinosaurs.

At the same time, in self-defense I add that if the notion appeals to this new kindergarten it must make its own monsters. I have other, if not better, things to do with my leisure. Δ

85 YEARS

Founder's Day has been designated in order that we may honour Captain Algernon Lucas, the founder of Selwyn House. It is our responsibility to maintain and encourage the tradition and standards that Mr. Lucas laid down for the School in 1908.

It is important that we have an understanding of and appreciation for those who have come before and of whose legacies we are all the beneficiaries.

Captain Lucas was born in England on November 7, 1879. He graduated from Selwyn College, Cambridge, in 1903, after which he came to Canada

and taught at a school in Brockville. In 1908 he came to Montreal and began a school on Crescent Street, and the first graduating class had seven boys in it. By 1910, the School had moved to MacKay Street, and there were 55 boys in it. As well, the excellent reputation of the School was spreading fast. In 1912, Mr. Lucas decided to leave teaching. He transferred ownership of the School to his old acquaintance, Mr. Colin Campbell Macaulay. He, too, had gone to Selwyn College, Cambridge, and it was the association of the first two headmasters with their common alma mater that led Mr. Macaulay to rename the School, Selwyn House. In 1914, Captain Lucas went to England and secured a commission in the Life Guards. He was wounded in France and, whilst convalescing in Ireland, he was killed by a sniper's bullet in 1916. Mr. Macaulay carried on as Headmaster of the School from 1912 until 1929. He returned to England where he died in 1958 at the age of 83.

Now, in its 85th year, the School has grown to its present size of 520 students and now occupies two buildings, Lucas and Macaulay, in Westmount.

Founder's Day has also become a time that we recognize significant accomplishments in a number of areas of school life.

During the morning assembly, the School recognized those named to the Cum Laude Society. They earned this honour for their outstanding academic achievement.

From the Class of '93: Bryan Guinness, Diogo Bustani, and Christopher Mee and from the Class of '94: Mark Andermann, Matthew Beckerleg, Andrew Lord, and Jay Waldron.

Also honoured were faculty: Virginia Ferguson and Kathy Funamoto.

Another area of school life that was recognized is community service. For example, we continue to send food regularly to the Drop-in Centre at Christ Church Cathedral. We sent impressive quantities of food to three different centres that serve the less fortunate: St. Columba House, Share the Warmth



Joan and Conrad Harrington '26

FOUNDER'S DAY



Virginia Ferguson, Librarian

and The Women's Centre. The Garage Sale increased its proceeds to \$25 000, and the Terry Fox Run brought in over \$21 200. The Kidney Foundation Drive was again successful raising more than last year's \$2 200.

During the evening the Headmaster, William Mitchell, welcomed guests and then asked Gaston Schwarz, Chairman of Annual Giving, to launch this year's Annual Giving campaign.

Gaston reflected on the success Annual Giving has been over the past five years and looked forward to the continued generous participation from all sectors of the Selwyn House community. He made special note to thank the great number of volunteers, both parents and Old Boys, who do such a tremendous job of raising funds.

The Headmaster went on to express his appreciation for the generosity of all in helping achieve the following significant changes that have taken place this year:

- A Kindergarten has been opened.
- French Immersion has been added at the Grade 5 level.
- The Lucas locker room has been renovated.
- A playground for younger students has been built on the east side of the Lucas building.

Mr. Mitchell went on to invite the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Craig Shannon, to present the Speirs Medal to this year's recipient, Conrad F. Harrington '26.

"The Speirs Medal is presented each year, in memory of Dr. Robert Speirs, to the person who



William Daly '52 and Tom Birks '61



Kathi Biggs (faculty), Chris Gayton '94, Brad White '94, Richard Brooks '92 and Rob Maranda '92

the Board of Directors feels has made a significant contribution to the school over the years. It is the highest honour that Selwyn House can bestow on a member of its community.

Dr. Speirs was the Headmaster of Selwyn House for 26 years from 1945 to 1971, which incidentally was the year I graduated from Selwyn House and I can vouch for the significant impact that he had in preparing me and my classmates for our lives ahead.

In his book, "Veritas" on the history of Selwyn House, Edgar Moody writes that Dr. Speirs' 26 years at the School "covered a period of rapid and startling change in the conditions of the world and in the demands made of education, which had been unknown to the previous headmasters. He had discovered how to bend to the breeze without being harmed by it; he had preserved the best from the past

while meeting the demands of the present."

So too, Conrad Harrington, this year's 12th recipient of the Speirs Medal, has exemplified the qualities of leadership founded in tradition but adapted to the exigencies of our evolving times.

*"Conrad F. Harrington '26
12th Recipient of the
Speirs Medal."*

Conrad's career as a successful business leader and educator reflects all that we are seeking to instill in our boys at a modern Selwyn House. As part of our mission statement reads, Selwyn House strives "to instill in our students an intellectual curiosity and life long commitment to learning."

During his distinguished career, Conrad always made time for Selwyn House. He is the first person to have provided a bequest to the School. He donated a spectacular set of dictionaries on Mediaeval History to the School. He can be counted on to be in attendance at the annual Old Boys' Dinner in Montreal.

Conrad Harrington is the embodiment of our school motto "Veritas"—exemplifying a commitment to honesty and integrity in all aspects of his life. This is his real gift to Selwyn House and to our community."

The following are Conrad Harrington's words to the boys of Selwyn House earlier in the day. (Much the same was repeated during the evening reception).

"I can quite honestly say that I am delighted and greatly honoured to be here today on our Founder's Day at a school I attended for 6 years starting in 1920, or thereabouts, at Easter. The first day at this school, then on Mackay Street, west side, just below Sherbrooke, the veterans closed in around me and demanded to know if I could tie my own tie. Like a real sap—and not then knowing our motto was "Veritas," "Truth," I, nevertheless, answered "No." Whereupon my new classmates tore my brand-new yellow and black tie off, leaving me to my own devices!

When I was trying to think what I should say to you today, I thought, "Well, its quite early—the boys don't really want to be harangued by some old fellow they don't even



Margaret Carsley, Grandparent, Sally Harrington, Parent and Gavin Ross, Friend of the School.

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know—but it's Founder's Day of one of Canada's really outstanding boys' schools, so you must try to give them a message—but make it short and clear."

You and I—all of us here today—are among the luckiest people in the whole world. Canada is a huge, beautiful, rich country and in 125 years, has developed from raw land, forests, minerals in the ground, vast waterways to a tremendous "going concern"—trading, manufacturing, building, discovering, taking a high and admired place in peace and in war, and providing homes and opportunities for millions from less fortunate countries.

Aussi, il faut ne pas oublier encore un grand avantage que nous avons ici à Selwyn House—c'est que nous avons l'opportunité d'apprendre un autre grand langage du monde, et surtout au Canada—le Français. Aujourd'hui deux langues ne sont qu'un début—un commencement—mais il nous faut en profiter.

We have also knit together a number of provinces and territories in one country—Canada—a name to be proud of, to love and revere. But now we are at a testing point because the whole world seems to be disturbed in many ways and seeking answers to many difficult problems.

You privileged boys here are the ones who will have to join in the great effort to ensure Canada develops a sure and successful road into the future that it deserves.

I make no apology for my aging generation—we have done good things and bad ones, but the story of Canada is still in its early days.

Remember that our target must be a strong, united federal Canada, leading the member provinces and territories with fairness and firmness to all. Surely we will never accept a huddle of banana republics along the northern border of the United States.

Now I want to make a small present to our School—which I will entrust to the Headmaster. This is a water colour sketch and poem, given to me by Mr. C. T. Anstey, a famous and beloved "Mr. Chips" type in 1926."



Grandsons Conrad '00 and George '04 with William Mitchell and Conrad F. Harrington '26

To complete the formal part of the evening the Head Prefect, Chris Gayton, presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Joan Harrington on behalf of the boys of the School.

The following quotations are taken from Mr. Harrington's letter to the Headmaster.

(I have been) an amazed and very proud Old Boy since receiving the Speirs Medal, an honour to which I'd never aspired in my most extravagant dreams!

It was a wonderful and heart warming touch to have "Tigger" Conrad '00 and George '04 on the platform. (They received the presentation on behalf of the School).

I shall treasure this medal and all that it signifies for me the rest of my life." Δ

From Where It All Started

There are no clear demarcation lines for the aggression which has spread through the former Yugoslavia. The very nature of the conflict, in which a formidable army controlled by Serbia has aggressed three separate states, leaves its mark mostly on the towns and villages that offer both protection and a means of unified resistance, usually by poorly-armed but courageous volunteers. In this respect, Ljubljana in Slovenia, Vukovar in Croatia, and finally, Sarajevo in Bosnia and Hercegovina, hold a special place. Vukovar and Sarajevo are both victims of horrible sieges and

The road to Yugoslavia's disintegration began with Tito's death. Within the federation, two courses were charted: one towards democracy and the other towards repression. Since 1987, the representative element grew uncontrollable in Serbia when Slobodan Milosevic, tapping the deep vein of Serb nationalism, rose to prominence and took command of the Serbian Communist Party. Ever since, he has shown all the trademarks of a cunning megalomaniac, using anger and hatred as a screen to preserve the communist apparatus he inherited.

In 1987, the Milosevic government, fanned by Serbia's cultural elite (grouped under the Academy of Arts and Sciences), began brutal attacks—first in the mass media, then by the use of paramilitaries—on Albanian unrest in Kosovo. Tackling an issue which had frustrated Serbian pride since the early eighties, Milosevic proceeded to strip Kosovo of its autonomy and purged its leadership, in the process, destroying the legitimacy of Tito's 1974 federal constitution. By the late eighties, through a so-called "anti-bureaucratic revolution," Serbia had managed to re-absorb Vojvodina and absorb Montenegro thereby achieving half the votes of Yugoslavia's rotating presidency and deadlocking the rest of the country. Croatia and Slovenia realized that if they were going to join other East European states and move away from communism, it would be impossible to do so within Yugoslavia. Under the

weight of the "Greater Serbian block," they became more open and pluralistic. Thus, Yugoslavia died and gave way to "Europeanism" and a want for decentralization and eventually sovereignty.

By 1990, last ditch efforts aimed at saving the federation fell apart. Compromise and proposals for a looser confederation were received with open hostility by Belgrade. In Croatia and Slovenia, free elections had to put in charge reform-minded non-communists who have few alternatives but to offer the populace absolute sovereignty in the face of

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salvos. Ljubljana escaped serious injury, but it was there at the Fourteenth Extraordinary Congress of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia in January 1990 that it became clear that Yugoslavia was finally finished. A brawl broke out on the floor of the Congress and the Slovenes, fearful of an alleged putsch designed by the Serbs, walked out. When the Croats followed, federal relations between Serbia and the other two broke off for good. The parting of ways was mostly symbolic when one considers what had previously occurred.

"...perpetrators of genocide and ethnic cleansing.."

Milosevic's centralism. As Yugoslavia's wholesale disintegration became imminent, Milosevic's policy was to again manipulate nationalism and anger, this time under the guise of Yugoslav unity and preservation. The "Serb National renewal" which followed, steeped in the age-old ambition of "all Serbs in one state," spelt disaster for Croatia and Bosnia-Hercegovina where a substantial Serb population live.

As the European Community tried half-heartedly to negotiate compromises, the Serbian war machine went to work. Slovenia

was given only token interest and let go. Croatia was higher on Milosevic's agenda. Since 1990, he had stirred the substantial Serb minority in the Krajina region so that under the pretense of protecting their interests he could realize his aim to conquer as much Croatian territory as possible. The war which followed is symbolized in the plight of Vukovar a "prong of Croatian anguish," which offered heroic resistance by brave but poorly-armed volunteers, against a large, organized and morally bankrupt army. The Yugoslav National Army (JNA), stripped of all non-Serb elements destroyed the beautiful Danube town, with no concern for human life nor the town's Serb minority who they claimed to be protecting. When Vukovar was finally captured, or "liberated" in the words of JNA General Kadijevic, the 200 remaining Croat soldiers were shot and buried. Why was Vukovar and later dozens of other Croat and Bosnian towns targeted so deliberately? Because the perpetrators of genocide and ethnic cleansing are uncomfortable with cosmopolitanism and diversity, but prefer to feed on ignorance, xenophobia and folklore.

Once a tenuous peace was arranged between Serbs and Croats, Milosevic readied himself to grab as much out of the Bosnian pie as possible. The easing of Croat-Serb hostilities coincided with Bosnia's multi-ethnic government being given the U.S. backed United Nations recognition. Through his notorious proxy, Radovan Karadzic, Milosevic orchestrated widespread killing and destruction of a magnitude unseen in Europe since the Second World War. Sarajevo, a model of harmony between Muslims, Serbs and Croats, became a poignant symbol of undeserved suffering, magnified by the West's callous retention of an arms embargo (similar treatment was given to Abyssinia some 50 years earlier). The best the United Nations could do was to provide humanitarian aid, all done under the dubious supervision of Serb troops who re-routed and demanded shares of supplies. When the Western governments did agree on tough action, like bombing the Serb artillery position around Sarajevo, there existed such a gap between resolution and action that nothing was ever done. Countless United Nations



Main street Placa, with craters by shelling from the distant hills

resolutions remained mere resolutions, never taken seriously for lack of resolve and international leadership. In order to lessen their responsibility for what was happening, the West clouded Serbian intentions (also later those of Croat nationalists) treating the legitimate government of Alija Izetbegovic as a mere warring tribe, referring to all combatants as victims of "strange" but conveniently predetermined Balkan savagery and ethnic strife.

The nail in the coffin was the Vance-Owen plan—a Chamberlainesque document of shameful proportions which aimed to reward aggression under the pretenses of neutrality. Serb nationalists indeed earned the EC and the UN's neutral mediation: They nurtured such an air of unpredictability by breaking so many cease-fires, that whenever they made a mockery of the latest negotiations, they escaped blame because nothing was expected of them.

By 1994, most residents of Bosnia, particularly in Sarajevo, realized how empty the threats of air strikes

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ON TOP OF THE

COLORADO

It was just the other day that I was sitting at lunch with a Selwyn House Old Boy who said, "Oh Bob, great to see you!"

"Indeed," I replied, amazed at how these younger guys get to be so big.

James Soutar '83 was his name and we immediately struck up a conversation about Chile and the Hartwig family whom he had spent two days with on his sojourn through South America.

"Alejandro's list of catch phrases that would ensure my safe conduct through Chile."

This is the third such conversation I have had in the past few months about Chile and about Selwyn House Alumni dropping in on my old classmate Alejandro Hartwig to sample his grapes, quaff pisco Control, ski the Andes or tour his Vina Santa Laura on horseback.

My first and one of many visits, I hope, took place between jobs two years ago in June of 1992. Since I had been reading more about Chilean wines and Chilean skiing that I had about their politics or General Pinochet, I booked a flight on Aereolinas Argentina via Mirabel, New York, Buenos Aires, final destination

Santiago to see how my old compadre was faring in his newly married and child-expecting life.

June, of course, is the beginning of their winter season and I had packed my ski equipment in anticipation of a steep and deep assault on some of the hills where skiers have been clocked at speeds in excess of 100 km/hr.

I arrived with everything except my skis, assuming I would rent a pair at the hill or from a shop in Santiago. Unfortunately, the quality of rental skis in Chile reminded me of my first day skiing Chantecler when fiberglass was just beginning to outmode its wooden counterpart. If you are planning to ski, bring your skis. The inconvenience of lugging them around is well worth it.

Upon arrival in Santiago Airport, I approached customs with trepidation, running through a mental inventory of scenes from "Missing" and the numerous means of interrogation that Alejandro '82 and his older brother Pablo '75 had described to me during Grades Three and Four.

I was greeted by smiling faces and courteous attempts to understand my limited grasp of Spanish. Somehow, I had a feeling that Spanish would have been more practical than Latin.

"Yo quiero ir in el Campo con amigo por ski y vacacione," was all I had to say and almost all I could say.

Alejandro had told me not to

worry and had graciously provided me with a list of catch phrases that would ensure my safe conduct through Chile. Remembering a similar list that we had rehearsed as kids and that I had practiced with looks of horror and disbelief from his family and especially his housekeeper, I had sought independent counsel while on the airplane and walked confidently toward the point of entry where

"Chilean Martini and Pisco Chaser"

customs officers were checking baggage on a random selection basis.

After pressing a button, I was rejoined by a buzzer, a flashing red light and an efficient young lady requesting that I open my bags and display the contents. Was I going to Chile after all or was I in the first stages of my casting as a crash victim in the upcoming movie release of *Alive*?

Following a cursory glance at my belongings, I was waved through to meet my host.

Driving into Santiago, I was impressed by the cleanliness and modernity of their streets. I was equally impressed a few days later

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by their metro system and the number of people who went out of their way to give me directions around town.

Construction was taking place at a rate that I had not yet encountered. High-rises, office buildings and apartments were in the midst of completion and people were bustling between destinations with an air of assurance and prosperity that seemed missing from life in Montreal.

University students were discussing the quick money being made on the stock market while businessmen spoke of the abundance of Chile's natural resources and their hopes for future trade alliances with North America—a prospect they were anticipating with more interest than the currently tabled Mercosur.

Alejandro and I spent our first night in Santiago, where we enjoyed a memorable evening with family and friends at the Restaurant Delmonico. Another more traditional venue which I would recommend with equal enthusiasm is Il Fierrito.

The following morning we packed the jeep and drove into the hills above Santiago where the snow that was rain in the city had been accumulating. After passing a group of soldiers who inspected our tires for traction, we started

cleared the tree line. From here we skied numerous runs down the freshly-covered expanses of Colorado.

Taking in panoramic views of the Andes and the city of Santiago, we traversed hill after hill of fresh powder and glade skiing that I had not seen since the last time in Utah. Temperatures were only slightly cooler than what we call spring conditions. Ski hats were seldom seen and ski goggles were replaced by sunglasses. The quality of skiing was as impressive as I had expected. Lift lines were short, snow was abundant and light and the pitch was, in places, vertical.

Skied out, tanned and healthy from the mountain air, we packed Alejandro's jeep again and drove south to his family's farm. Leaving Santiago, we passed through stretches of cultivated land, mining towns and mountainous countryside until we reached Santa Cruz and Vina Santa Laura.

The property has recently undergone some renovations. It

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Alejandro Hartwig '82 and Robert Keene '82

our ascent on a 37 turn switch back road.

We arrived at a place called Colorado, a little short of breath from the altitude, and purchased our tickets for the equivalent of us\$15 each. After a few warm-up runs on the lower slopes, we continued upwards on a series of T-bars and chair lifts until we had

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has been in the family for centuries and has expanded through acquisition of adjacent land, as I was shown in a series of aerial photographs.

When I arrived, Alejandro was busy drying and marketing his tobacco crop and readying himself for the upcoming wine season. Alejandro is soon to be a producer of his own wine and is currently supplying grapes, both white and red, to the estates of Concha Y Toro and Errazuriz Panquehue. Partial payment for his crop arrives in weekly cases of reds and whites from which we sampled liberally at mealtime.

My days on the farm were spent touring the vineyards and learning why the Chilean wine industry has been so successful. I was introduced to the different varieties of grapes: Merlot, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir. I was taken on

tours of local wineries to see how the end product was arrived at and then exported.

The rest of the time was spent hunting for partridge along the coast with Alejandro, his father, Alejandro Sr., and his older brother, Christian. We played tennis most afternoons. Evenings revolved around guests at Vina Santa Laura, at the houses of his cousins and uncles in the vicinity, or at their club in Santa Cruz which is the originator of the Chilean Martini. If you do get a chance to order it, make sure you ask for it "dry"—and it helps to follow it with a pisco chaser.

In three weeks, I had caught up on a lot of old times with Alejandro but had barely scratched the surface of Chile. Alejandro had mentioned the south, the fishing in summer and horseback trips through the mountains. He talked of the

beaches in the north, the lake district and the abundance of rivers for kayaking.

As I packed my skiing equipment for my return to Montreal, I was already planning my next Chilean summer vacation and looking forward to purchasing my first bottle of Vina Santa Laura from the shelves of our local S.A.Q. Although a long way in time and distance from our first days in Selwyn House together, Alejandro and I still keep in touch on a regular basis and have just recently returned from a trip to Mexico. Alejandro would be happy to see any old boys passing through Chile and I, of course, would be grateful for accounts of any visits with my old compadre and his family, the Hartwigs. Δ

Robert Keene '82

Yugoslavia

were. The harbingers of the New World Order were not going to come to the defense of a beleaguered people, nor were they going to allow them to arm themselves. What most Western governments fail to realize is that the more they wait, the more victims will be confused with aggressors and the more Bosnia will fall into chaos. Croats will continue attacking the Muslims and Muslims will retaliate. This continued cycle of violence, fostered by international lawlessness, will turn Bosnia into an unmanageable cancer at Europe's side.

Had the West done more to read the signals sent from Ljubljana and beyond and made even the least costly attempts to challenge Milosevic, war would have never occurred. The suffering taking place throughout the former Yugoslavia is testimony to

how poorly Europe and the West met the important challenge they were faced with: to stop aggression and genocide. A morally healthy West needs to succeed in the former Yugoslavia. Perhaps Niccolo Tommaseo was writing of things to come in 1887, when regarding his disdained "Schiavonia" he prophesied: "The peoples that are looked upon with contempt hold the keys to the world's future. . . if mother Europe does not seduce and corrupt them, they will regenerate her."Δ

Mark Rusko '90 is currently in second year political science at Concordia University. Last summer, he and his father returned to Croatia for a month to visit with friends.

Patrick Stoker Challenges the Boys

A very moving and colourful assembly was held at the School last November 11 to remember those who served in the name of restoring peace. The prefects, under the direction of Dr. Harker, conducted a meaningful service of recitations, readings, roll calling and music. In particular, Piper David McKinnon '95, played a lament, "Amazing Grace", and "Scotland the Brave" among other medleys.

The following remarks were made by Patrick Stoker '31 on this occasion:

"On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, England and her allies signed a cease-fire armistice with Germany, and subsequently the losers signed surrender terms imposed by the winners in a railway car at "Forêt de Compiègne." This same site was used during World War II when the Germans forced capitulation terms on France after the fall of the Maginot line and the allied withdrawal at Dunkirk. World War II had many battle areas on land, at sea and in the air, and hostilities ceased in Europe and Asia several months apart in 1945—two devastating wars less than a quarter century apart wreaking havoc and suffering upon untold millions of unarmed civilians.

Canada, the Commonwealth and many European nations commemorate the gallantry of their forces and honour the memory of fallen comrades, including Selwyn House graduates, every year on the day that we now call "Remembrance Day."

In Roman times, the poets sang "dulce et decorum est pro patria

mori." The art of warfare took on a romantic and dashing idealism that extended into this century emblazoned by the motto "under God, for King, and country." The carnage was glossed over, and the tribute exacted by the winners more than made up for their material losses — and always bankrupted the losers. The reparations suffered by the Germans after the Great War of 1914–1918, to give it its proper title, so embittered them that World War II was inevitable.

The fact of the European community today is due largely to the farsightedness of General George Marshall of the United States army and the implementation of the Marshal Plan to help rebuild a shattered Europe. Man's inhumanity to man is still being expressed in several corners of the globe but the old enmities are fast dissolving as "evil empires" of many years standing, like the U.S.S.R., are suddenly no more. As Pogo observed in Walt Kelly's comic strip, "we have met the enemy and he is us."

Fellow students, you will not have to bear arms as your fathers and grandfathers had to. The world under the United Nations has finally come to its senses. I call on you, though, not to become complacent or self-indulgent. Pursue an education that will inspire you to help your fellow man. The late President John F. Kennedy at his inaugural address said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." If they can learn about basketball from us, we can learn about service from them." Δ



William Mitchell and Patrick Stoker '31



Piper David McKinnon '95

TOWARDS ACTIVE

Now that I'm putting together my first *Veritas* article, I realize how time-consuming this "job" is



Reed Ballon '81 and Thomas Antony '83

and would like to take this opportunity to thank David Stewart '69, the past president of the Toronto Chapter, for his dedication over the last few years to his position. The job may not seem overly difficult, but it is time consuming and David made it look so easy.

The Toronto Chapter of the Old Boys' Association held its annual meeting at the Fitness Institute with its magnificent view of Toronto Harbour. The Headmaster, William Mitchell, brought us up to date on recent events at the School. He reviewed the School teams' successes, as well as how politics and economics are affecting the School. David Williams informed us of the Old Boys' new executive and planned activities and once again brought his camera to ensure that our pictures would appear in *Veritas*! Also, Andy Lumsden, Head of the Mathematics Department and Tennis Coach, added some additional news and gave the Top Ten reasons for attending Selwyn House.



William Molson, David Stewart and Fred Cowans, Class of '69



Robbie Mason '84 and Andy Lumsden, faculty

PARTICIPATION

From information provided by the School, it appears that there are 190 Old Boys living in the Toronto area proper. At our bi-annual "meetings," between 30 and 40 attend, many with their wives. While this level of participation is consistent with other out-of-town alumni groups, there is no reason why we can't encourage more people to attend our events. We would welcome any suggestions you may have, especially from those who have not attended in the past and are looking for a good reason to do so! The possibility of holding an all-school reunion of Quebec independent schools, for example, has been raised as well as alternative events and locations.

The next event scheduled is the "Toronto Spring Fling" on Monday, May 16, 1994. Duncan Ball '82 and Nick Harnack '87 and I look forward to seeing many of you at our events this year and hopefully, by the next *Veritas* issue, we will have some new Selwyn House Old Boy events to report about in the Toronto area. Δ



Retiring President, David Stewart '69 receiving a memento from Headmaster, William Mitchell



Paul Korn '79 and Andrew Creighton '79



Michael Wexler '88, Andy Lumsden, faculty, and Nicolaus Harnack '87

Concordia Installs New Chancellor

Eric H. Molson '52 was installed as the fifth Chancellor of Concordia University on November 9, 1993, during the fall convocation. Mr. Molson is a graduate of Princeton University (Honours Chemistry '59), and also attended courses at McGill Graduate School and Sir George Williams University. Eric has been associated with numerous corporate and community boards, including the Bank of Montreal, the Montreal General Hospital Foundation, the Olympic Trust of Canada, the Montreal Canadiens Hockey Club, the Quebec Easter Seal Society, the Canadian Princeton Alumni Fund, Selwyn House School Endowment Fund, Vie des Arts and the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee. He is also a former Governor of McGill University and of Bishop's University. Recently, he has been very active in the Critical Needs Campaign of the Montreal General Hospital and in the creation of The Fund for Canadian Studies at Princeton University.

Eric is a sixth generation direct descendant of John Molson, who founded a small brewery in Montreal in 1786.

The Molson Companies Limited is a diversified Canadian public corporation with business interests in more than 40 countries around the world. It is one of North America's oldest businesses and the oldest in the brewing industry.

Eric H. Molson has served his family business since 1960. He has held a progression of technical and management positions including Executive Vice President and President of Molson's Breweries of Canada Limited and Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Molson Companies Limited. Δ

Hacker Heaven

This past summer Roswell James accidentally turned his Halifax bookstore into a global business. His great—if unintentional—leap forward began when he decided to list his store's inventory on a computer network serving the Atlantic provinces. Roswell figured that high-tech enthusiasts in the Maritimes might be intrigued by the chance to electronically browse through his 4,500 computer-related titles and order by modem. If everything panned out, he hoped to attract a few hundred inquiries a month from the system, and gain new customers from as far away as Newfoundland.

Roswell didn't count on the fact that the regional computer network was linked to the Internet, a global web of 47,000 private and public networks. In the first month after Roswell Computer Books made its electronic debut in August, 7,000 inquiries flooded in. Much to Roswell's surprise, two-thirds came from Singapore, France, Norway, the UK and other locations outside Canada. "We weren't prepared," he recalls. "I had to rush down to the post office and find out how much it would cost to courier books to parts of the world I had never considered doing business in."

Today Roswell is happily selling books to customers from Scotland to Australia. And the overnight rise of his 1,400-sq.-ft. bookstore from local retailer to international merchant is just one example of the growing power of the Internet. Little known outside the scientific research community until a few years ago, the mother of all networks now encompasses 20 million users in 91 countries, and is doubling in size every 10 months. It has become the fastest-growing marketplace in the world and, in the minds of many observers, one of the pivotal business developments of the '90s.

Allan Earle, "Hacker Heaven," *Canadian Business*, December 1993.



Soccer '43-44

K. Black, P. Bronfman, R. Molson, G. Taylor, M. Magor, D. Bartholomew,
D. McMaster, J. Gray, K. Newcomb, C. Winter, E. Bronfman

An Academic Through and Through

Leslie Gault '43 has informed us that his brother, **Henry Gault '39**, after graduating from Selwyn House, winning the Jeffrey Russell Award, went on to McGill University where he earned a medical degree and a masters in experimental medicine. He was a member of the faculty until 1974 when he went to Memorial University in Newfoundland where he was given the task of setting up the province's first comprehensive end-stage renal disease programme. This he did admirably and the Division of Nephrology which he founded and nurtured now rates among the most outstanding in this country. He has published, literally, hundreds of papers and has attracted well over a million dollars in peer reviewed research funding over his career. He established an outstanding research and service laboratory which physicians and patients in this province continue to rely on to this day.

Although he is an academic through and through and an outstanding consultant clinician and teacher, he also found the time to contribute to the academic practice plan in the Faculty and to involve himself widely at a national level in the Canadian Society of Nephrology and on a number of editorial boards.

In 1989 he received the medical award of the Kidney Foundation of Canada which is its highest award and in 1991 he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of his contribution to the care of patients with kidney disease in Newfoundland and Canada.

Henry was a recipient of the American College of Physicians Laureate Award. In October 1993 Professor Gault was appointed "Professor Emeritus" at Memorial University Convocation.Δ

New Chapter

The founding members of the Winnipeg Selwyn House Old Boys' Chapter gathered before Christmas at the Westin Hotel, courtesy of its Manager, Michael Holy '77, to consider the serious issues of the day. The founders included Michael, Bill Gould '73, Michael Weil '73 and Brian Porter (teacher 1971-85 and now Headmaster of Balmoral Hall School).

Reminiscences covered significant territory: memories of the days of Headmaster Robert Speirs, (where are Fritz Ankum, Fred Tees and Bill Stewart now?); the unforgettable classes of Mrs. Miloradovitch; Alain Weber's French Department; the hockey and rugby 'greats' guided to the pinnacles of success by David Cude and Peter Govan in the times of Headmaster, Alexis Troubetskoy; and the Book Reports (who could forget them?!) of Ian Burgess and Byron Harker!

Judging from the volume of information and the hilarity of the occasion, no doubt, the founding members of the Winnipeg Chapter will have more to report after their second meeting. Hopefully, Ian Ross '76, newly arrived to Winnipeg, and John Armstrong '82, will be enticed to attend this meeting. Δ



Can you name the year and the players? Let us know.



SIXTY-FOUR YEARS LATER

In 1929 when the Wilf Wallace Memorial Trophy was first awarded in recognition of Montreal senior football supremacy, G.H.T. Wanstall was just starting his tenure as Headmaster of Selwyn house; W.L. Mackenzie King was Canada's Prime Minister and the "dirty thirties" were only months away. Sixty-four years later, after Westmount High took the inaugural city championship, the famed and coveted hardware has come to rest at Selwyn House, courtesy of a thrilling 37-26 victory over Collège Notre Dame.

"Victory over arch-rival, LCC"

The triumph capped a marvelous season that included just about everything a supporter of the team could want. The Gryphons rolled to a second place finish in a regular season distinguished by a 39-26 victory over arch-rival, Lower Canada College. The game proved to be portentous as the two clubs clashed again in the playoffs where Selwyn House advanced to the city championship on the strength of a 6-0 win played in 10 cm. of snow.

Collège Notre Dame was a fierce opponent and had defeated Selwyn House handily in the regular season by a 49-8 score. It was a different story in the championship however, as the team rose to the occasion led by Chris Gayton's four-touchdown performance. The Gryphons' other TD came on a pass from QB David McKinnon to Ben Wearing.

"It was a great win for the boys and the School," said Head Coach Mike Maurovich of Selwyn House's first-ever Senior Football Championship.

James Stewart, Coach



The Trophy with Tom Johnson, 1993 All-Star,
Michael Lenczner, Chris Gayton, Ben Wearing,
all the Class of '94

Selwyn House 37 Notre-Dame 26

REPEATING HISTORY

The Bantam Soccer team repeated history by capturing the G.M.A.A. Championship. Not since 1988 have the Grade Seven boys done so well. They posted a winning season except for one loss against a tough LaSalle Catholic High team. However, this was to change as they defeated Centennial

Academy 4-2 in the semi-finals and won a stunning victory over LaSalle Catholic by the narrowest of margins, 2-1, to gain the championship. The boys played as a team and enjoyed the feeling that comes with working hard for a common goal. They celebrated their win with a great pizza party.

Particular mention should go to Guillaume Gouin-Descarries for keeping the ball out of the net, Sean McKinnon for leading the defensive unit and to Camillo Durana for leading the offensive charges. A great team, a great season and a great moment!Δ

A FEISTY SENIOR SEASON

Another soccer season has come to an end. The senior boys had some great moments during the fall despite not posting a winning record. The Gryphons demonstrated superior courage by playing against older and bigger teams under adverse weather conditions at the Senior Independent Soccer Tournament in Toronto. Their tenacious play was in evidence when they kept the championship team, St. Andrew's, to only 2 goals. The players maintained a positive attitude throughout the season, always keeping hard work as their focus. The season was capped off by an enjoyable and well-fought win against the feisty senior soccer team from The Study. Congratulations to the boys for being great sportsmen. Δ

A PROUD DAY



Chris Gayton and Mom, Jill



Peter McEntyre and David



Michael Lenczner and Eric

CREW WINS SILVER

Interest in crew is growing at Selwyn House. The high profile of rowing resulting from the Olympic and World games has meant more interest in the sport among young people in Montreal. McGill's numbers in this sport have tripled over the recent years and ours has doubled.

During the season, the eight-man crew practises three times a week. "They improved a gigantic amount through this intensive practising," says Brad Moffat their coach. "Also, they are a well disciplined group that works well together. Timing is everything in rowing. If it's off, the boat won't go fast."

In a late October regatta held at the Olympic basin, the Selwyn House boat was pushed out of their racing lane and out towards the rocks when a stiff cross wind pushed another team into them just as the gun went off to start the race. They fell behind at the outset but dug in and pulled back to pick up a silver medal along with a most improved novice crew award.



Back Row: Brad Moffat coach, Karl Herba
Adam Ginter, Tim Martoni, Taylor Lloyd, Ben Sharp
Mark McCans, Danny Cheng, Albert Law

An added attraction at this event was a four member team of ECS girls who competed and picked up a gold medal. Well done, girls!Δ

Gryphon Shorts

Old Boys' Basketball

Wednesdays

6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

MACAULAY GYM

Robbie Johnston '90 was recently named All Canadian Academic for the 1992 Canadian Inter-University Football season. This honour recognizes his athletic ability as a defensive football player on the UBC Thunderbirds and his academic achievement. He has been on the Dean's honour list at UBC for each term that he has been there. He is currently in third year marine biology.

Lucas Carsley '91, Tim Fleiszer '92 and Colin Robertson '91 played on the Quebec Rugby Team at the 1993 Canada Summer Games in Kamloops, British Columbia. The team defeated the Newfoundland team, who had beaten them earlier in the summer. Quebec eventually lost to the squad from Ontario and won the bronze medal at the games.

Ritchie Schwartz '88 finished forth in wrestling at the 1993 Maccabiah Games in Israel. He is currently an assistant coach at Concordia University.Δ

Memories of "Moo"!

Glen Goodfellow '71 visited the School in October after some twenty-five years' absence. He recalled how he and his friends had to wait every afternoon on Sherbrooke Street for a bus to take them to Woodlands on the South Shore. He remembered the many times when a younger lad's Selwyn House cap was thrown on to the street and run over by a bus.

Another memory was of Moo, who, from the third floor of the Lucas building, saw the Woodlands' gang misbehaving and sent a boy to fetch the whole bunch. Dr. Speirs, being in fine form, attended to the disciplinary caning. Upon reaching the third individual to be caned, he reached the zenith to begin the downward stroke only to see the cane fly out of the third floor window. Not to be put off, he sent a boy down to retrieve the instrument. After a slight repair job, the cane proceeded to be appropriately applied to the remaining culprits.

Glen is currently living in Marblehead, Massachusetts.Δ

Volunteers Contribute Time and Energy

Many Selwyn House volunteers contribute their time and energy throughout the School community. The parents who organize the Turnover Sale comprise one of these groups. These women collect out-grown school uniforms and make them available to new boys as well as those already in the School.

This year, from the profits, the committee made a contribution of \$3 500 to the School, part of which went towards purchasing CD ROM programmes for the library.

Susan Mann and Helen Rutledge have retired after many years of loyal service. They deserve our most sincere gratitude.

Lise and Nancy Anderson and their committee will continue the tradition to fill this need in the School community.

They said that "As parents, we enjoy our involvement in this school activity and are pleased that we can offer this service to our parents."

We wish them well in their endeavours.Δ

1994 Turnover Sale

Gently Used and Some New Clothing

Wednesday, June 8
Wednesday, August 24

From 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
at the School

We look forward to serving you!

Place an Ad! in the Selwyn House Yearbook

Call Bruce Glasspoole

Tel: (514) 931-9481

Fax: (514) 931-6118

Full page \$260

Half \$140

Quarter \$75

Business Card \$45

Photos and Art-work accepted no later than May 1, 1994



Chris Markland Celebrates 90th

A most enjoyable reception was held at the home of Pat and Cedric Marsh in early December to celebrate the 90th birthday of Christian Borchard (Markland).

Amongst those present were several members of Chris' family (including her four granddaughters), and from the School, Judy Clark, Jack and Peggy Martin and David Williams. Those assembled were all treated to a clever and amusing skit depicting Chris' life. It is apparent that Chris, who is in fine form, is a woman of many parts—athlete teacher, mother, grandmother, and a very good friend to a wide circle of people. We wish her many more.Δ

Selwyn House Senior Players Present

Aaron Sorkin's

A Few Good Men

Cast 1: April 21 and 22, 1994

Cast 2: April 20 and 23, 1994

at 7:00 P.M. in the Lucas Theatre

Starring as:

Kaffee: David Williams (1) and
Chris Gayton (2);

Jo: Gitu Jain (1) and
Aimee Castle (2);

Jessep: Paul Dery-Goldberg (1) and
J.J. Wakrat (2).

Annual Giving 1993-1994

Progress Report

At the time of publication:

Total Donations Received: \$118,819.90

Our Goal : \$150,000.00

Total Number of Donors: 608

Old Boys: 296 – \$32,485.00

Friends: 312 – \$86,334.90

You are invited to participate by making your
donation payable to the *Veritas Fund*.

Our priorities this year are:

Financial Aid and Student Scholarships

Faculty Professional Development

Enhanced Computer Technology in the School

Annual Giving continues until June 30, 1994

HAPPENINGS

Old Boys Parents And Friends

Federico Bolza '86 graduated from McGill in chemical engineering in 1992. He has released a fairly successful single entitled, *You're Evil* (on Montreal's *Primitive Records* Label), plus an accompanying video with his band, *The Cryptics*. Fred left for Europe and is currently studying towards his Master's Degree in environmental engineering at L'École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, in Switzerland.

Talat Chughtai '85 is in his final year of Medical School at McGill.

Dr. Michael Churchill-Smith, father of **Christopher '01** has been chosen by his alma mater, Simon Fraser University in

British Columbia, as one of four Outstanding Alumni. Upon graduation, he went to McGill to study medicine and completed his training at the Montreal General Hospital. He joined the hospital in 1987 where, after a year, he became Chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Through his efficiency and leadership he has turned the emergency room into the prestigious and well-run department it is today. Since Michael became head of emergency, the hospital has assumed a level-one trauma centre rating.

Charles Cloutier '86 has been working for the Kempinski Hotels for the past three years and has recently been transferred from The Ritz Carlton in Montreal to take up his new post as Sales Assistant at The Grand Hotel in

Dallas, Texas. He would be pleased to hear from anyone of the Selwyn House community.

David M. Culver '39, Chairman of CAI Capital Corporation and former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alcan Aluminum Ltd., received the 1993 Honorary Associate Award, the highest honour, from the Conference Board of Canada at the Board's annual meeting in Montreal. David is the 14th recipient of this award. The Board is a non-profit organization whose aim is to be the leading private applied-research institution dedicated to enhance the performance of Canadian organizations within the global economy. Also present at the event was **John E. Cleghorn '57**, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Royal Bank.

White House Reporter on Leave

After three years of reporting on Congress and The White House for Fox News, **Alexander Kippen '77** is on leave of absence, studying for his Masters degree in U.S. foreign policy and international economics at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). His focus is U.S. policy towards the Middle East.

Before coming to Fox in 1990, Kippen ran a Washington news service for local television stations across Canada, covering bilateral legislation like the Clean Air Act. That service was part of a news career beginning with The Washington Post and ABC News in Washington, eventually spanning from Canada's CTV Network to freelance reporting for Cable News Network CNN and The Washington Monthly magazine. The substance of his work ranges from first-hand coverage of the last three Presidents, to reporting on the Gulf War, North American Free Trade, and scandals spanning from whistle blowers in the federal government to bribes in the U.S. medical community.

An undergraduate at The University of Western Ontario and then George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, Kippen's current studies at SAIS will add insight to his Washington news reports focusing on both international and national politics.

Beyond work with Fox and SAIS, 33 year-old Kippen is writing fictional short stories and screenplays, currently developing a romantic drama set in Eastern Europe during the collapse of communism. Δ

Francesco Del Bianco '89 recently graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Arts in economics and philosophy. He spent two months at the University for foreigners in Perugia, Italy, studying Italian after which he travelled until he started working at a ski resort in the Italian Alps.

Daniel Delmar '68 along with his young son, Gregory, visited the School in early March. Daniel had not been back since graduation. Gregory enjoyed himself by attending a Grade 1 music class and a typical Selwyn House hot dog lunch. Daniel is a management consultant with Andersen Consulting in New York City.

Michael Echenberg '91 is in his third year at Harvard University and has won a John Harvard Scholarship, the highest academic achievement award for an undergraduate, in both of his first two years. Michael has been an active participant in numerous campus activities, including the Harvard Speech and Parliamentary Debating Society, SHARE (Students at Harvard-Radcliffe against Racial Ethnocentrism), tutoring French and Russian to students in the Summerbridge Programme, (tuition-free programme targeting students who are strong academically, but at risk socially), participating in intramural basketball and ping pong. Michael also works at the Harvard Business School during the school year, and last summer travelled throughout California as a researcher for the "Let's Go" travel book.

Robert Moore Ede '86 is an engineer at General Motors in Oshawa. His wife, Julie, teaches music at Anderson Collegiate Vocational Institute. They live in Whitby, Ontario.

Greg Fergus '86 and his wife, Julie, and their daughter, Alexandra, live in Ottawa. Greg has recently completed his Bachelor's degree in philosophy at Ottawa University. They are working for Abiwin Co-op, while Julie completes her Master's degree in social work.

John Finamore '75 is no longer at the Westin Hotel, Walt Disney World in Florida, but is now the General Manager of the Westin Hotel at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. He looks forward to serving any of the Selwyn House community that might be passing through.

Victor Goldbloom '37, who is the Federal Official Languages Commissioner, was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree (LL.D) at Concordia University's Fall Convocation. Dr. Goldbloom has been active for some time in Quebec politics and is also well known for his work in interfaith dialogue. It was also on the occasion of the installation of Concordia's new chancellor, **Eric Molson '52**, that Victor received his degree. (See article, page 25).

Leslie Gault '43 informed us recently that his son **Nicholas '77** is Chief Scientist and President of No Hands Software in Belmont, California. **Alexander '80** is Associate Publisher of the Shimballa Sun in Halifax and **Sebastian '82** is completing his master's degree at Bonn University, Germany.



Kevin Ratcliff '77



Clive Hooton '73



Trevor Ham '87



Ian Hodkinson '91

Selwyn House Still in Heart and Mind

At certain times in one's life, one stops to reflect on past events and how they affected your development. Such a reflection occurred last year on my thirtieth birthday when my mother gave me a 1979 Selwyn House yearbook as a present.

Unfortunately, I was unable to finish at Selwyn House as our family moved to Edmonton. One of the few regrets in my life is that I never graduated from Selwyn House. Fortunately, all the lessons that I was taught by both the faculty and the students still guide me today.

I have had the good fortune to have played professional soccer for five years, with the Edmonton Drillers of the NASL, the Edmonton Brickmen of the CSL, and the Edmonton club team Ital Canadian. Much of what David Cude instilled in me as a gangly teenager has stuck with me through the professional ranks.

I was also able to start a family business with my father and run it successfully in Alberta for 5 years before taking a job with an international manufacturer as a regional manager. During this period, I met an American and married her, leading to my relocation in Florida. It was with great understanding that I read Tom MacFarlane's article, "I thought I knew the place," in *Veritas*, Summer 1993.

Now living in Florida, Selwyn House still comes to mind. This year, my mother again managed to give me some Selwyn House merchandise, including a tie that I wear proudly—although I am not sure if anyone realizes what an outstanding institution it represents.

I look forward to attending a function in, hopefully, the near future. I encourage anyone traveling in this area of Florida to give me a call.Δ

Peter Snyder '79

Vincent Guzzo '68 is currently attending l'Université du Québec at Montreal in the Faculty of Law. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics at the University of Western Ontario.

Nicholas Howson '78 reports from Beijing that he has been kept extremely busy organizing an office for Paul Weiss Rifkind Garrison and Wharton. Nicholas is traveling all through China and has just recently returned from the depths of Sichuan.

Naveed Irshad '88 recently graduated from Concordia University completing his degree in actuarial sciences. He is

presently working for Metropolitan Life in Ottawa.

Graeme Jarvis '82 has been working for GE Aircraft Engines for the last five years in the Design Engineering Organization. Last spring, he received his Masters of Science degree in mechanical engineering after attending night classes at Boston University. Graeme plans to continue studying towards his MBA at Boston College.

Chris Keene '84 completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in history at McGill and ended up in London. He is currently working for Nesbitt Thomson in the Euro-Bond Department.

Alex Kuilman '86 left Selwyn House, attended Brébeuf followed by McGill where he completed a degree in economics. He then went to Japan to teach English but found himself teaching not only English but also skiing. After some months, he returned to Canada where he spent the next winter at Whistler doing what one does at a ski resort. After considerable thought, he decided to attend l'Université de Laval to study law. He was elected to represent his class on l'Association Faculté de Droit. "Un gars fort sympathique aux idées intelligentes, ce dont toute

Faculté de droit a besoin" (Taken from the university news paper).

Philip Lapin '82 graduated from McGill Law School in December 1993 and then traveled through Israel and Turkey for four months. He is currently articling at the Ottawa intellectual property law firm of Smart and Biggar.

Xavier Le Gris '92 visited the School in January. He makes Paris his permanent address but attended Ampleforth College in Yorkshire, England, where he completed his A levels. Xavier is taking the year off to travel and contemplate his future.

Blakeney Lewis '73 left Selwyn House after Grade Eight to attend St. George's School in Vancouver, where he recently completed nine years as a member of the Board of Directors. He has been with Wood Gundy since 1978, Vice President in the Private Clients Division. He and his wife, Dianne, have two daughters and a son. Blakeney has been an active skier, sailor and rugby referee.

Martin and Martha Lewis, both former members of the faculty, wrote to say that they are living at "Woodhaven," Holstein, Ontario. They have settled on their farm just north of Mount Forest where Martha is teaching at the local high school. Martin has returned to Sun Life after four excellent years of teaching at Sedbergh in Montebello, Quebec. **Mark '77** is in marketing at Storagetek in Mississauga. Ciaron is working in Toronto while Owen is at Mount Allison and Trevor is at the University of Guelph, both in Biological Sciences. Martin,

who was at the School between 1961 and 1973, is well remembered for his contribution to the physical education programme. He was thoroughly delighted to have been invited to attend the 1968 twenty-five year class reunion held last spring in Montreal.

Jonathan Lim '88 and his family visited with the Headmaster during August. Although Jonathan was here for but a short time, he was pleased to see the School he attended before moving with his family to California. He completed his university studies at Stanford and is now in his first year at McGill, Faculty of Medicine.

Alex Lyons '92 writes of his recent travels. He and a friend left Montreal sometime in August for South America where they had a marvelous time. There was so much to see and do, especially in Bolivia where they spent a month with the people who are reported to be fun loving.

In Brazil, they visited Rio de Janeiro and saw the water falls at Foz de Iguazu. The highlight was two weeks observing the wildlife in Brazil's Pantaral Jungle. While in Rio, they met up with **Lawrence Gainsbury '61** who gave them a much-appreciated tour of the city.

Their trip took them to Peru, hiking the Inca trail and the famous ruins in Machu Pinchu. From there they returned to Santiago for a flight eastward to Hawaii, Fiji Islands and Australia. They also plan to visit New Zealand, Asia, India, Europe and return sometime next fall.



Fenton Aylmer '83



Doug Naudie '88



Chris Powell '77



Tom Pitfield '93

David Jones '85 has graduated with First Class Honours from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and an option in Management Science. For seven years, he combined school with travel in South-East Asia and work in Taiwan and Toronto. David now lives on Lake Washington just outside Seattle and works for Microsoft as a Programme Manager for Microsoft Excel. He remains a shareholder and Director of Taiwan Connection Inc.

Rugby Visits Dublin & London

March 18 to April 2, 1994

Senior and Midget Teams visit and play in Tipperary, Killarney, Waterford, Cork, Fishguard, Kent.

Bon Voyage and Good Luck

Andrew Malcolm '75 is teaching Senior English with the Toronto School Board. As a writer, he is involved in writing TV "Sit-Com" plots and lyrics. He performs singing his original songs and has released an album.

Robbie Mason '84, after spending three years with Ernst and Young in Montreal, has moved to Toronto to work as a Research Associate with Richardson Greenshields (covering industrials, consumer products and telecommunication

companies). We are also informed by Robbie that **Jeff Bray '84** has joined the U.S. Coast Guard and has since married.

Keith McDonald '90 was recognized as last year's most valuable back in rugby at Champlain College, St. Lambert, and was inducted to the Intercollegiate Hall of Fame.

James McGregor '67 has returned to Montreal after spending two years in Zimbabwe, as Field Director of the Cooperative Housing Association.

Ted Nash '80 is working for Arthur D. Little out of Cambridge, Massachusetts. His work takes him to Columbia and Venezuela where he is doing management research. He and **Joe Kovalik '81**, who is working on his Ph.D. in physics at MIT, see a lot of each other when Ted is in Boston and not in South America.

Philippe Phaneuf '92 has been accepted to Trinity College, University of Toronto in the Faculty of Arts. He is studying International Relations.

Christopher Pratley '85 completed his degree in engineering at Waterloo and has been working for the past two years in Japan with Seiko Epson. He informs us that he lives in the Japanese Alps in the city of Matsumoto where he enjoys skiing and bathing in the hot springs pools.

Nicholas Rideout '80 and **Jonathan Zyto '80** were in Montreal over the holidays. Nick is still in Sidney, Australia, working for International Maritime Transportation Advisory

Services and Jonathan is teaching social sciences and sports on a native reservation in Bella Coola, British Columbia.

Mark Roper '73 ran in the last federal elections as a candidate for the federal Equality Party, in the riding of Westmount-St. Henri. He was particularly concerned about the language issue in Quebec. As a member of the Equality Party, Mark is on the Health and Social Services Committee and the Education Committee. Mark practises at an

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office with his brother **Gordon '75**, in Westmount. He also works in the emergency room of the Montreal General Hospital.

Conor Sampson '89 is in third year architecture at McGill and will be spending the spring term at the Universita Los Andes in Bogota, Colombia. He expects to travel throughout South America and capitalize on the experience while pursuing his studies. Conor is Vice President of the Architectural Under-Graduate Society.

Anthony Sehon '73 and his friend, Ann Gagné, stopped by to visit the School last fall. He is currently living in Vancouver where he practises as a doctor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia.

Peter Seguin '91 has just completed two months basic training (boot camp) as a member of the United States Navy in Great Lakes, Illinois, just north of Chicago where he graduated top of his class of 400 recruits. Selwyn House must have prepared him well. Peter is to spend the next five months in San Diego where he is to train as a paramedic corpsman.

David Skinner '82 is working for Stikeman & Elliott in Montreal and is being posted to Prague to assist the London and Budapest offices in the privatization of a state-owned enterprise in the Czech Republic. He expects to be there by mid-March.

Geoffrey Skinner '77, his wife Belinda, and the twins have recently visited with their family in Mont Tremblant, Quebec. Geoffrey is working in London with Morgan Stanley International.

Nicholas Tingley '83 and his wife, Francesca, have recently moved to London where Nicholas has taken up a position as Fund Manager, American Equities, with County Natwest Investments Management. Although the weather was atrocious, he still attended the British open at St. Georges. He looks forward to a London (UK) reunion. Recently

seen were **Rex Chung '83**, **Chris Donald '82** and **Christian Robertson '83**. The alumni office would be only too pleased to help out in whatever way possible.

Joel Turner '86 graduated from McGill in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in anatomy and recently completed his Master's degree in the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery. He is continuing his studies at McGill, in the Faculty of Medicine.

Scott Vineberg '82 along with classmates, **John O'Brien** and **Bill Zacharkiw**, have been operating, since 1988, one of Montreal's best known restaurants called Fondue-Mentale on upper St. Denis. Since opening, they have added a second floor and an outdoor terrace. Scott, the father of two children, recently opened a ski-board business in the centre of town.

Michael Wexler '88 recently graduated on the Dean's Honour List with Distinction for Scholastic Excellence in the Honours Business Administration Programme at Western University. He is working with Citibank Corporation, Toronto, as a financial foreign currency trader.

Andrew Zitzmann '84 completed his studies at the University of Guelph in 1991 and then travelled extensively for ten months. After his return to Montreal, he decided to go to Japan, where he is now teaching children and adults, in Kitakyusho City. During the holidays he visited Korea.Δ



Michael Henderson '90



Ted Claxton '73



Derek de Bono '87



Charles Porteous '84

Births

To **Greg '86** and **Julie Cool Fergus**, a daughter, Alexandra Christine, on March 18, 1993, in Ottawa.

To **John '75** and **Stephanie Finamore** a son, Justin Anthony, on March 26, 1993, in Chicago.

To **Robert '77** and **Kathy Housez**, a daughter, Claire Alison, on June 6, 1993, in Toronto.

To **Rolland** (faculty) and **Marie Glaude** a son, Julien Antoine St-Germain, January 27, 1994, in Montreal. A brother for Charles and Kim.

To **Sharon** and **John Cozens**, a daughter, Lauren Rachel, on December 30, 1993, in Montreal. A sister to Margo. Sharon is the Director of Admissions at the School. Δ

Marriages

Duncan Ball '82 to Cindy Greenly on November 26, 1993, in Toronto.

Robert Moore Ede '86 to Julie MacKenzie, on July 17, 1993 in Tweed, Ontario.

Geoffrey Moore '83 to Krista Ulle Leitham at St. Andrew's-Dominion Church, in Montreal. Helping Geoffrey on this special occasion were

Guy MacLaren, best man, and acting as ushers were **Geoffrey Adams**, **Michael Stevenson**, all of the class of '83. **Rodney Moore '58** and **Andy Lumsden**, faculty, were guests. Geoffrey and Krista spent their wedding trip in Egypt, cruising the Nile and visiting the Pyramids. Δ

In Memoriam

Paul Avedesian '90, on October 20, 1993, in Montreal. Son of Heather and Michael and brother of Anne and **Michael '88**.

Christopher Bovey '41, on June 2, 1993, in Montreal. Husband of Nancy and brother of **Ian '46**.

Anne Gyger, on January 4, 1994 in Beaconsfield, Quebec. Wife of the late William Gyger. Anne was a member of the faculty in the French Department at Selwyn House from 1945 to 1957. "Mme Gyger, a Parisian of Parisians possessed a quiet dignity and charm, and a refreshing sense of humour, which even the older boys found themselves respecting."

Edgar C. Moodey, *Veritas*, 1978.

Basil Hind, husband of Mavina Charlemagne and father of **Eric Charlemagne '94** and Alfred, on December 2, 1993, in Montreal.

Dr. Dario Lorenzetti on February 22, 1994, in Montreal. Husband of Laura Curina and father of Derek, Lisa and **Jeffrey '92**.

Ross Robertson '34, on February 19, 1993, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Gordon Savage '28, on April 26, 1993, in Montreal. Father of Barbara Savage Cassidy, grandfather of **Andrew McGregor '82** and uncle to **Kerry '57**, **Peter '61**, and **Michael '66 Martin**. Great-uncle to **Erik '84** and **Ian '87 Blachford**. Gordon, in 1928, and his brother **Murray**, in 1921, were former Lucas Medal recipients.

Timothy Skelton '80, on March 18, 1993, in Montreal.

Bruce Verchere, on August 28, 1993, in Montreal. Husband of Lynne Walters and father of **David '86** and **Michael '88**. Bruce was a quiet and generous supporter of Selwyn House, especially in the area of Senior Drama and the Sports Programme. He always had an encouraging word for the boys. Δ

TAKE NOTE

Ottawa All Schools Reunion

Old boys, parents and friends who live in the Ottawa area or are passing through are encouraged to attend this fun evening.

A splendid idea transpired last year to hold an all schools' reunion. It was hosted by York House School in Vancouver and took place during the Canadian Independent Schools Development Officers' conference.

This successful event gave the alumni from independent schools from across Canada an opportunity to meet each other within their own city. Δ

**Reception
for Old Boys, Parents, and
Friends of the School**

**Ashbury College
362 Mariposa Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
April 28, 1994
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

Montreal Old Boys' Annual Reunion

Reception 6:00 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY, May 6, 1994

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Ball Hockey Tournament

**Guy Gagnon Arena, Verdun
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Toronto Spring Party

The Fitness Institute
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May 16, 1994

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5:30 to 7:30 P.M.
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